

Remarks

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, the Applicants elect the claims of Group I, namely 1-15. The claims of Group II consisting of claims 16-32 have been cancelled without prejudice.

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